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Summary
¶1. (C) A very self-confident Central Election Commission (CEC) Chairman Vladimir Churov sketched for the Ambassador at their inaugural meeting Chairman Self-Confident
¶2. (C) A relaxed, confident Central Election Chairman (CEC) Vladimir Churov offered the Ambassador on June 19 an extended monologue on the sta Work with Political Parties
¶3. (C) Churov noted that the December contest would be the fifth cycle of elections since Russia's 1991 "revolution." Distinguishing this rour
¶4. (C) Among the problems faced by the CEC, said Churov, was the need to update voting lists. He estimated that 15 - 19 percent of voters were
¶5. (C) The CEC met regularly with representatives of the seventeen registered political parties, and had conducted outreach with youth organiz
¶6. (C) Churov told the Ambassador that the CEC would be fully transparent for outsiders. On August 14, the CEC would hold a one-day seminar or
¶7. (C) Although he promised the process would be transparent to outsiders, Churov was unenthusiastic about the prospect of ODIHR monitoring of
¶8. (C) With the approach of the elections, all parties were becoming more active and were receiving greater media attention. Churov believed t
¶9. (C) Churov said that the CEC would work constructively with all parties registered by the Federal Registration Service (FRS). He hoped that
¶10. (C) Churov tipped his hat to Europe and the United States in noting that polling places this year would be equipped with Braille instructi
¶11. (C) In response to a question from the Ambassador, Churov regretted that voter registration cards would not be put into play during this e
¶12. (C) Churov said there would be no changes in the election law until after the March presidential elections. He cited approvingly Belarus a
¶13. (C) "Observers are the voters' best friend," Churov said, and he predicted a very large number of domestic political party observers, who
¶14. (C) In response to a question from the Ambassador, Churov described himself as "surprised" by the June 15 Federal Anti-Monopoly Service ar
Comment
¶15. (C) A very self-confident Churov referred frequently to his experience in monitoring elections and his familiarity with statistics during
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